

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Partnership

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Partnership		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other State level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address habitat needs of the Brook Trout adjacent to or in contact with a priority stream reach? (120 Points) (Resource Concern – Fish and Wildlife Habitat – Inadequate Habitat) Practices eligible to receive points are: 391 Riparian Forest Buffer, 395 Stream Habitat Improvement and Management, 396 Aquatic Organism Passage, 410 Grade Stabilization Structure, 560 Access Road, 578 Stream Crossing, 580 Streambank and Shoreline Protection, 647 Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, 654 Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment, and 666 Forest Stand Improvement.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address habitat needs of the Kirtland Warbler on the priority map? (110 Points) (Resource Concern – Fish and Wildlife Habitat – Inadequate Habitat) Practices eligible to receive points are: 106 Forest Management Plan –CAP, 314 Brush Management, 338 Prescribed Burning, 384 Woody Residue Treatment, 490 Tree/Shrub Site Preparation, 612 Tree and Shrub Establishment, 647 Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, and 666 Forest Stand Improvement.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address habitat needs of the Sharp-tailed Grouse on the priority map? (90 Points) (Resource Concern – Fish and Wildlife Habitat – Inadequate Habitat) Practices eligible to receive points are: 314 Brush Management, 327 Conservation Cover, 328 Conservation Crop rotation, 338 Prescribed Burning, 386 Field Border, 393 Filter Strip, 511 Forage Harvest Management, 512 Forage and Biomass Planting, 528 Prescribed Grazing, 612 Tree and Shrub Establishment, 647 Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, and 666 Forest Stand Improvement.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address habitat needs of the Golden-winged Warbler on the priority map? (80 Points) (Resource Concern – Fish and Wildlife Habitat – Inadequate Habitat) Practices eligible to receive points are: 106 Forest Management Plan –CAP, 110 Grazing Management Plan – CAP, 314 Brush Management, 338 Prescribed Burning, 391 Riparian Forest Buffer, 612 Tree and Shrub Establishment, 647 Early Successional Habitat Development/Management, and 666 Forest Stand Improvement.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address forest wildfire mitigation or insect and disease issues? (60 Points) (Resource Concern – Degraded Plant Condition – Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation) Practices eligible to receive points are: 314 Brush Management, 338 Prescribed Burning, 384 Woody Residue Treatment, 394 Firebreak, 655 Forest Trails and Landings, 660 Tree Pruning, and	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

666 Forest Stand Improvement.	
3. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application positively affect infiltration and hydrology on the priority map? (40 Points) (Resource Concern – Water Quality - Excessive Water - Runoff) Practices eligible to receive points are: 106 Forest Management Plan –CAP, 110 Grazing Management Plan – CAP, 327 Conservation Cover, 328 Conservation Crop rotation, 329 Residue and Tillage Management, No Till, 340 Cover Crop, 345 Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till, 362 Diversion, 380 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment, 386 Field Border, 391 Riparian Forest Buffer, 393 Filter Strip, 462 Access Control, 512 Forage and Biomass Planting, 516 Livestock Pipeline, 528 Prescribed Grazing, 578 Stream Crossing, 587 Structure for Water Control, 590 Nutrient Management, 612 Tree and Shrub Establishment, 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin, 654 Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment, 656 Constructed Wetland, and 657 Wetland Restoration.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address manure runoff? (50 Points) (Resource Concern – Water Quality Degradation – Nutrients or Sediment) Practices eligible to receive points are: 313 Waste Storage Facility, 360 Waste Facility Closure, 362 Diversion, 558 Roof Runoff Structure, 561 Heavy Use Area Protection, and 590 Nutrient Management.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address nutrient runoff, or decreasing sedimentation? (Resource Concern – Water Quality Degradation – Nutrients or Sediment) (30 Points) Practices eligible to receive points are: 110 Grazing Management Plan – CAP, 328 Conservation Crop rotation, 329 Residue and Tillage Management, No Till, 340 Cover Crop, 345 Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till, 362 Diversion, 382 Fence, 386 Field Border, 391 Riparian Forest Buffer, 393 Filter Strip, 410 Grade Stabilization Structure, 412 Grass Waterway, 468 Lined Waterway or Outlet, 512 Forage and Biomass Planting, 516 Livestock Pipeline, 528 Prescribed Grazing, 560 Access Road, 575 Animal Trails and Walkways, 578 Stream Crossing, 580 Streambank and Shoreline Protection, 587 Structure for Water Control, 590 Nutrient Management, 638 Water Sediment Control Basin, and 655 Forest Trails and Landings.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the project take place on Tribal Lands of the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, the Fond du Lac Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, of the Red Cliff Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians? (40 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address invasive species? (20 Points) (Resource Concern – Degraded Plant Condition – Excessive Plant Pest Pressure) Practices eligible to receive points are: 314 Brush Management and 315 Herbaceous Weed Control.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the Project be located within a 12 digit watershed that contains a Forest Service LSLRP project. (10 Points) Watersheds Include: • East Fork Cranberry River • East Fork Iron River • East Fork White River – White River • Eighteenmile Creek • Flag River • Flynn Lake • Fourmile Creek-Sioux River • Hanson Creek – White River • Headwaters Marengo River • Headwaters North Fish Creek • Hill Creek • Long Lake Branch • North Fish Creek • Twenty Mile Creek • Whittlesey Creek – Frontal Chequamegon Bay	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: